

Summer . . .

School is out. Days are long and lazy. Idle time reigns.

Opportunities are waiting to be explored.

Without a safe and nurturing environment, many youngsters in the District of Columbia face challenges instead of opportunities. Each summer, thousands of the District's children and youth are left unsupervised to participate in unproductive and risky activities. Fortunately, the DC Department of Employment Services has designed summer programs to empower, nurture, and safeguard our youth and, at the same time, benefit our community. The success of these programs rely heavily on the proactive participation of local businesses, such as yours, working in concert with the local government. Together, we can replace these challenges with opportunities that can help our young adults to plan productively for their future.

Prepared Youths become Prepared Adults.

Professional people are compelling examples for young people. Learning the value of working for earnings can literally transform the lives of many young adults in the District. Our Summer Youth Employment Program is a five-week temporary employment and job readiness initiative designed to assist youth, between the ages of 14 – 21, explore career opportunities, gain invaluable work experience, and be compensated for work performed.

By investing in our youth, local businesses are investing in the District's workforce. Local businesses such as MCI Center, Pepco, Verizon, Howard University Hospital, Union Station, and Domestic Financial are some of our "Youth Champions" who have hired and supported young workers in the past. We are committed to placing 5,000 youth in temporary employment or work experience this summer. The 2004 Summer Youth Employment Program begins July 12 and ends August 13. However, if you elect to hire a youth, the duration of employment would be based upon your company's needs and the participant's availability.

Become a Youth Champion

Complete the information below and mail to D.C. Department of Employment Services, 625 H Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20002. Or, call the Summer Jobs Hotline at 202-698-5242.

- ☐ I would like to sponsor a youth's summer job experience by donating \$ _____.
(\$1,000 per youth worker).
- ☐ I would like to hire _____ youth(s) through the Passport to Work Summer Jobs Program.

Positions Available:

Date of Employment from: _____ to _____
Hourly Wage: _____

Organization:

Contact Name and Title: _____
Phone: _____
Best time to Contact Me: _____

Mail: Office of Youth Programs
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